

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: DECEMBER 5, 2007

SUBJECT:

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Submitted after final agenda – Citizen's written comments
2. Submitted at meeting – Written comments by Tom McGowan

Minutes:

JAMES STANCONI, Clark County resident, stated he operates a small business for the care and maintenance of landscape throughout the Las Vegas Valley since 1980. He received notice that some of his licenses were not in compliance with the City of Las Vegas, and he made every effort to comply. Since 9-11 business has decreased and he has had to diversify. As a result, he was cited for operating without a license when he was planting a tree. He obtained a contractor's license and within that transition he was required to landscaping and tree pruning licenses. Now his licenses fees have gone up to \$500, punitive to a small business owner, especially with the decrease in business since 9-11. He is very offended by this and tempted to stop his business, and believes the requirement of all these types of licenses is excessive. He thinks the fee is excessive and not fair for small businessmen. He asked that the City Council consider this as an agenda item to review business licensing practices.

MAYOR GOODMAN invited MR. STANCONI to attend the Special City Council meeting to be held Monday, December 10, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Veteran's Memorial Leisure Service Center, as discussion will include the economic issues taking place. He requested that a portion of the video of today's proceedings be made available at that meeting.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON asked if he was required to take a test when he came to the City to obtain the licenses. MR. STANCONI replied that he took the test through the state contractor's license. Most of the services he performs no longer require a contractor's license. He added that JAMES from the City of Las Vegas Licensing Department told him that he needed a contractor's license. He also holds licenses from Henderson, Clark County and North Las Vegas, and they only require one license. Only the City of Las Vegas is requiring holding three licenses.

DOROTHY BARNES, Las Vegas resident, stated that last month her youngest brother passed away, and he served in the military. She has mental patients out on her. She reiterated her ongoing issues and asked for the promissory note again. Take heed to doing what is right and she asked for prayers for her family.

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WILL McCLURE pointed out that Veterans Day occurs on November 11 and he has come to a city where Veteran's Day is being honored.

RASHAN JOSHUA COLLINS, Christian Minister, stated he was recently involved in organizing a protest giving individuals their rights to sleep outside Frank Wright Plaza. He was placed in jail for a week with rude guards. Photos were taken of the arrest and they are not fed much in jail. He explained to the judge and was placed in the "mentally unstable" area. He wants the right to be homeless like Jesus and believes many other homeless people want the same right rather than the material stuff. He felt he is being persecuted for his faith.

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, outlined his proposal for Club Freedom USA, which will provide a place for military heroes. He will submit the complete details to the Mayor's Office.

TEDDY RUSSELL, Las Vegas resident, congratulated Philly Cheese Steakhouse for doing well. He referred to the Clark County Commission meeting where he was blown off in saying what they did not want to hear regarding jobs. He suggested that the Union Plaza be renamed the New Union Plaza.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN verified with MAYOR GOODMAN that he will be attending the breakfast for City employees. She was appreciative for his attendance, as she could not attend because of other commitments. The Mayor pointed out that the City Council covers for each other when one cannot attend.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

